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SUBJECT: ROC REPRESENTATIONS RE AP ARTICLE

REFS: TAIPEI 2857, 2858

1. OBVIOUSLY, THE LESS SAID ABOUT THE AP STORY THE BETTER. CONSEQUENTLY, IF FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN DOES NOT RAISE SUBJECT AT MAY 19 MEETING, YOU SHOULD NOT DO SO. WE BELIEVE THAT COMMENTS DCM MADE TO VICE MINISTER CHIEN WERE A CORRECT AND SUFFICIENT RESPONSE TO HIS REPRESENTATION. THEREFORE WE WOULD ALSO PREFER, PROVIDED YOU AGREE, NOT TO GO BACK TO CHIEN AGAIN ON THE MATTER.

2. SHOULD FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN RAISE THE ISSUE, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S GOAL IS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. IF ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, YOU MAY NOTE THAT IN
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RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON FEBRUARY 3, THE SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED PUBLICLY THAT NORMALIZATION MEANT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. YOU SHOULD TELL SHEN THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER US OR ROC INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON THE AP STORY.

3. WE WISH TO AVOID CONDUCTING EXEGESIS ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN'S 1972 STATEMENTS TO THE ROC.
HOWEVER, IF SHEN BRINGS UP GREEN'S STATEMENTS, YOU SHOULD
NOTE THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IS THAT
ENNUNCIATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. IN ANY EVENT

GREEN DID NOT PRECLUDE THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. CHRISTOPHER

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